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we took perhaps just one...one fear away about death, which certainly is going to come to us all? I think what we're doing is substantial, it's needed and that is my closing.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 226 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 226.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 226 advances. LB 375.

CLERK: (LB) 375, Mr. President, by Senator Thompson. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 13, referred to the Judiciary Committee. Bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Thompson, you're recognized to open on LB 375.

SENATOR THOMPSON: LB 375 was introduced in response to something that happened as a result of the passage last year of LB 1041 that dealt with adoption. Prior to the passage of LB 1041 last year, all the records on guardianships and adoptions were kept by the clerks of the county courts. Because of changes in that law, records are now being kept by both the clerks of the county courts and, in counties that have a separate juvenile court, they're being kept by the clerks of the district court. This has had the result that two separate recordkeeping systems are being kept and also that two separate filing fees are being charged for essentially the same records, file...record filing. In the separate juvenile court, because they are part of the district court system, the filing fee is \$43, while the county court has a filing fee of \$24. So this piece of legislation is just an attempt to correct what happened inadvertently last year to make the same filing system that we had before and the same filing fees. So with the passage of this bill, we would create a uniform filing system for guardianship and adoption filings that by providing that those records again be kept by the clerk of the county court only, and we ensure a uniform filing fee for guardianship and adoption